

*St. Mary MacKillop
Church
Keilor Downs*



*St. Paul's
Church
Kealba*

PARISH OF ST MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B - 27th & 28th October, 2018

MASS TIMES

St Paul's
 Wednesday 9.30am
 Thursday 9.30am
 Friday - All Souls 7.30pm
 Saturday 5:00 pm
 (Latin)
 6:30 pm
 Sunday 8:00am
 (Maltese)
 10:00am

Reconciliation
 Saturday 6:00pm

St Mary MacKillop
 Monday 9.30am
 Tuesday 9.30am
 7.00pm—8.00pm Holy Hour
 Friday - All Saints 9.30am
 7.30pm
 Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 9:00am
 11:00am
 5:30pm

Reconciliation
 Saturday 4pm—4.50pm



Today, we hear the story of the blind beggar in the Gospel. Bartimaeus, the blind beggar sits in the dusty gutter in his despair and abandonment.

Most people would look the other way and ignore him, but not Jesus. Bartimaeus' faith allows him to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah, his sight restored; he follows Jesus along the road. What a profound lesson there is to be learned from Bartimaeus.

What are you prepared to 'throw off' in order to follow Jesus?

Entrance Antiphon:

Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek always the face of the Lord.

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 31:7-9
 Psalms 125

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.
 Alleluia!

Gospel:

Mark 10:46-52

Before Communion:

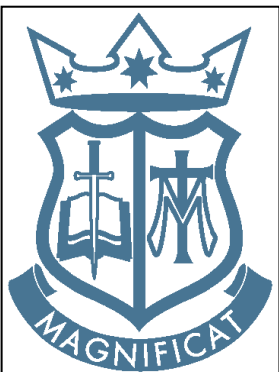
Lord God of power and might, receive the gifts we offer and let our service give you glory.

Communion Antiphon:

We will rejoice at the victory of God and make our boast in his great name.

After Communion:

Lord, bring to perfection within us the communion we share in this sacrament. May our celebration have an effect in our lives.

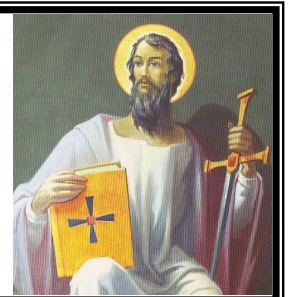


**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**

*'Beware of self mixing up
with the work of God.'*

ST. PAUL

*'You are a priest for ever,
in the line of
Melchizedek.'*



Parish Priest: Rev. Monsignor Charles Portelli **Assistant Priest:** Rev. Fr. Paul Chandler

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Safe Schools Program

The 'Safe Schools' program has been operating in Victoria for some time now. It was marketed as an 'Anti bullying' program. However, it has been well recognised that it has nothing to do with bullying but rather sexualisation and gender identity issues. The Safe schools program is compulsory in all Victorian High schools and optional at the Primary school level. The Victorian Labor Government has publicly stated that this program will be compulsory at all levels in Government schools after the next State Election on 24 November 2018.

A question that is often asked is, does the Victorian Schools program really teach that your children may not be a boy or a girl? The Victorian Education Department Safe Schools website publishes a Guide to making schools safe and inclusive, see

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/safeschoolsguide.docx>

The Guide states 'it is important to challenge our thinking beyond binary constructs of male and female' and 'gender identity does not necessarily relate to the sex a person is assigned at birth' (pg 14)

The Guide further states "Gender isn't quite as simple as whether you're male or female... it's up to the individual to describe what gender identity fits them best". (pg34)

The Year 11-12 Curriculum states the following:

"The need to disrupt the presumption that man and women are the only gender categories available"; and

"Those who self-identify with multiple genders and may move fluidly between being a boy or a girl" (pg 70 of Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships: Level 11-12)

The Victorian Opposition Liberal Party has a stated Public Policy to scrap the 'Safe Schools' program from all Victorian Government Schools.

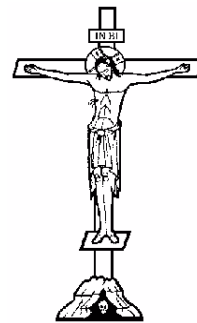
In Remembrance...

Recently Deceased:

Tanino Defina

Anniversaries:

Johnny Suares,
Grace Sculli,
Francisco Manzon,
Antonio Maritico,
Pino Curseri,
Maritico & Curseri Family,
Nicholas Meilak,
Giuseppina Rando,
Josipa Antolos,
George & Nancy Valles,
Kathleen & John Caruana,
Fr Charles Borg,
Dominic Riga.



We pray for all those who are sick, especially Tayah.

Fellowship after Mass

The Parish would like to trial having some fellowship with a coffee, tea and snacks after weekend masses. We have selected some dates over the next few months. Here are the following dates:

After the 5.00pm mass on Saturday the 10th of November 2018.

The Parish will assist in running these as a trial basis to see the level of interest by parishioners and the number of volunteers who assist. As a consequence, we are going to need volunteers to assist at these dedicated times. If you would like to assist after one of these masses, please write down your name on the forms located at the back of the Church. If you would like to take a leadership role at a particular mass next year, just let us know at the Parish Office.

If there is anyone from St Pauls that would be interested in running these events, please either contact Doris Agius 03 93674126 or the Parish Office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the administration staff at the Parish Office.

Parish Thanksgiving Program

All funds raised from your Thanksgiving Offerings go towards the running of the Parish of St Mary of the Assumption. This includes both St Mary MacKillop Church in Keilor Downs and St Pauls Church in Kealba. Funds raised from Thanksgiving Offerings are vital for the Parish and enable the Parish to plan and to commit to projects in the future. The Parish would not be able to operate without these funds. Some expenses that are funded by these Offerings are as follows:

- ♦ Paying off the Parish debt;
- ♦ Meet the operating costs of the Parish (including parish salaries, insurance, energy expenses, telecommunications and other administrative expenses);
- ♦ Various property expenses;
- ♦ Maintenance of both of our Churches; and
- ♦ The supporting of charitable organisations including St Vincent's de Paul Society.

For those in our parish Community who currently contribute to our Thanksgiving Program, we would like to say thank you very much. However, if you are not a current contributor and would like to participate in the Program to ensure the current and future security of our Parish, please contact one of our administration staff at the Parish Office between 9.00am and 1.30pm on weekdays. Or alternatively, Thanksgiving forms can be downloaded from our Parish Website located at

<http://www.stmaryoftheassumption.org.au> and click on 'Our Church and Ministries'.

If you have any questions with respect to the Parish Thanksgiving Program please don't hesitate to contact either Monsignor Charles Portelli or one of our Parish Administration staff on 03 9364 0440.



CHOIR PRACTICE

Will be held on

Monday 29nd of October at 7pm

At St. Mary MacKillop Church only for members who are singing/playing at the RCIA Mass on Saturday, 22nd December at 5pm.



CHILDREN & YOUTH OF MARY

When: Every Friday during the School Term

Time: 4:45-6pm

Where: St Mary MacKillop's Parish Office Building (Opposite the Church)

All Primary and Secondary School aged children are welcome

Pray the Rosary

Enjoy Games and Activities

Learn about the Catholic Faith

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Tara Sciberras: 0403 100 733



Thank you

**THANK YOU FROM
MONSIGNOR PORTELLI**

I would like to thank you all for your best wishes and gifts on my recent birthday. I would also like to thank all those who helped organize the celebration last Sunday. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAYS

This week we celebrate the feast of All Saints (November 1st) and All Souls (November 2nd). There will be an evening Mass for All Saints on Thursday, 1st November at 7.30 p.m. at St. Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs. There will be another Mass for All Souls on Friday, 2nd November at 7.30 p.m. at St. Pauls. These are not holy days of obligation, but the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass if possible. The morning Masses will be as usual.

CLEANERS REQUIRED

Cleaners for St Mary MacKillop Church urgently needed. If you are available for approximately 1 hour on a Friday morning (after Mass) to assist with the cleaning of the church, please contact the Parish Office on 9364 0440. Cleaners will be on a rostered basis. Light cleaning i.e. dusting, vacuuming and mopping/buffing only.



PARISH CHOIRS

Parishioners are invited to join the Choirs at all masses to praise the Lord in song. If you would like to be involved in this vital Ministry, please contact :-

St Mary MacKillop Choir: Rosanna 0425 751 230
St Paul's Choir: Hung 0402 171 733

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

EVERY TUESDAY 7:00pm–8:00pm
St Mary MacKillop Church

"Will you not stay with me one hour with me?"



PRAYER GROUPS

MONDAY MORNING

Following 9.30am Mass
10am Fellowship
10.30am – 11.30am Devotions

Join us in praying the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** 10am–10.30am

WEDNESDAY EVENING

ST PAUL'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday, 31st October

Join us as we reflect on Holy Scripture and share as a group each other's reflections.

7pm Rosary, Praise & Worship, Bible sharing. Concludes at 9pm with fellowship.

Prayer Ministry also available.

For more information call Doris: 9367 4126

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

SAMOAN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Samoan Divine Mercy Prayer Group – at St Pauls Church every Sunday at 12pm–4pm.
Info: Deacon David 0451240713

THURSDAY MORNING

ST MARY MACKILLOP MORNING PRAYER GROUP

10.30am - 12pm

Come and join us in Praising our Lord. Hearing the Word of God and praying. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.
(except School Holidays)

Enquiries: Teresa 0411 233 625

THURSDAY EVENING

ST MARY MACKILLOP EVENING PRAYER GROUP

Thursday, 1st November

7.30pm Prayer & Praise
8.00pm Talk by Fr. Paul Chandler
Topic: 'Freedom or Slavery, What has Christ won for us?'

All Welcome

Enquiries:

Christina 0431 955 975

LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room
All Welcome

ST. PAUL'S ROSTER WEEKEND 3RD & 4TH NOV

SAT 3RD NOVEMBER 6.30PM
R Greg Moore
Special Ministers
D. Agius.

SUN 4TH NOVEMBER 10AM
R Norma Marot
Special Ministers
J. Zahra, M. Osa.

St Mary MacKillop Cleaning

FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
Mary Formosa
Margo Harley
Pauline Portelli
Mary Xuereb

Counting Team

COUNTING TEAM NO. 3:
Sheila Grixti
Michael Medved
Kathy Lindsay
John Kiomall

ST. MARY MACKILLOP ROSTER WEEKEND 3RD & 4TH NOV

SAT 3RD NOVEMBER 5PM
R Antonia Camilleri
Special Ministers
Quintus Diaz, Mario Camilleri, Marcella Fandino.

SUN 4TH NOVEMBER 9AM
R Armando Bianco
Special Ministers
Mim Caruso, Mickie Cavka, Armando Bianco.

SUN 4TH NOVEMBER 11AM
R Mark Royal
Special Ministers
Carmen LaBruna, Teresa Taverna.

4TH NOVEMBER 5.30PM
R Kerry Tieppo
Special Ministers
Kimberley D'Cruz, Frank Lee, Georgina Sant.

Music Group Rehearsals

This Week in the Parish

ST MARY MACKILLOP GROUP
Monday 29th October–7pm

ST PAUL'S MUSIC GROUP
To be advised

Feast Days

Thursday, 1st November
Solemnity of All Saints

Friday, 2nd November
Memorial of All Souls

Monday, 29th October
10.30am Prayer Group

Tuesday, 30th October
7.00pm Eucharistic Adoration
- St. Mary MacKillop

Wednesday, 31st October
7.00pm Legion of Mary
7.00pm St. Paul's Prayer Grp

Thursday, 1st November
10.30am St Mary MacKillop
Morning Prayer Grp
7.30pm St Mary MacKillop
Evening Prayer Grp

Friday, 2nd November
4.45pm Children & Youth
of Mary

THIRTIETH SUNDAY

Entrance:

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thru' many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us.
We are filled with joy.
We are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Your words, Lord are Spirit and life;
You have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Offertory:

Refrain:

Here I am, standing beside you,
Here I am; do not be afraid.

Here I am, I'm your loving Father,
I am here; here I am

Do not fear when the tempter calls you.
Do not fear even though you fall.
Do not fear, I have conquered evil.
Do not fear, never be afraid. Refrain

I am here in the face of every child.
I am here in every warm embrace.
I am here with tenderness and mercy.
Here I am, I am here. Refrain

Communion:

Lord I come to you
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in you
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the Power of your love.

Chorus:

Hold me close
Let your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to your side
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with you
Your spirit leads me on
In the Power of your love

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see you face to face
The knowledge of your love
As you live in me
Lord renew my mind
As your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
In the Power of your love.

Recessional:







We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near

We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice,
And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,
And seek where you are found.



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